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<u>REMARKS</u>

By the present amendment, non-elected claims 1-22 and 24-25 have been canceled. Further, claims 23 and 26 have been amended to clarify the method steps and the connection between the diagnosis and treatment methods, claim 27 has been amended to correct the dependency, and new claims 28-29 have been added. Claims 28-29 correspond to claims 23 and 26, respectively, but are directed to Alzheimer disease. Support for the amendments is found in the original application, in particular in paragraphs [0024]-[0027]. Support for the new claims is found in particular on page 18, lines 6-15.

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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